

THE SHELTON CHRONICLE

a newsletter for faculty and staff of Shelton State Community College

ALABAMA STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION RAISES

TUITION

Tuition at Shelton State Community College along with the other two year colleges in the state will increase this fall for the second time this year. The Alabama State Board of Education took the action as part of a recommendation during its April meeting.

The board's recommendation went on to say "that the Alabama State Board of Education authorize revision of the tuition rate for community, junior, and technical colleges to provide a tuition rate of \$60 per semester credit hour." The board estimates the increase will produce \$14 million annually in additional revenue this fall.

"Proration has had a tremendous impact on Shelton State and the entire two-year system," said Shelton president Rick Rogers.

"At this late stage of the year,

we are having to cut 11.17% of our budgets. The college is reducing

expenditures in areas of travel and in our management budget. In addition we are not filling several staff and administrative positions. However, the instructional budget should remain intact," Rogers said.

Tuition rates for out-of-state students will increase to \$128 per semester hour Fall Semester. The new cost for a three-hour course for a non resident student would be \$384 a semester. However, Shelton State will offer three classes this fall on the Internet which would offer non resident students a savings. These classes are BIO 101, CIS 204, and HED 221. The cost for these classes is \$68 per credit hour and there are no fees.

JUDGE COBB SPEAKS AT SHELTON GRADUATION

Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Sue Bell Cobb spoke to more than 375 graduates during this year's graduation exercises.

A graduate of the University of Alabama Law School, Judge Cobb was appointed District Judge of Conecuh County in 1981, becoming one of Alabama's youngest judges. She was elected to the position in 1982 and reelected in 1988. During her tenure on the bench, Judge Cobb accepted trial court assignments in approximately 40 counties.

Judge Cobb was elected to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals in 1994 and appointed in 1997 by the Alabama Supreme Court to serve as the Alternate Chief Judge of the Court of the Judiciary.

Judge Cobb served as president of the Alabama Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and is a member of the advisory committee of the Children's Trust Fund. She is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Juvenile Detention Association, the JPOL Outstanding Service Award, and the Children's Voice Award. She is chair of the Children First Foundation and a lifetime honorary member of the Juvenile Justice Association of Alabama.

A graduate of Leadership Alabama, she is a Stennis Center Pacesetter. The Alabama Chapter of the National Social Workers Association awarded her the 1999 Public Citizen of the Year Award. She received the 1996 NAACP Political Achievement Award from the Conecuh County Branch NAACP, the 1995 *Montgomery Advertiser* Woman of Achievement Award and the 1992 Judicial Conservationist Award of the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

Recently Judge Cobb was named the state winner of the Bishop Barron State Employee Public Service Award.

She is past chair of the Board of Alabama Division of the American Cancer Society and the recipient of the St. George Medal, the highest national

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award of the American Cancer Society. She now serves on the National Assembly of the American Cancer Society.

SHELTON DANCE INSTRUCTOR TRAVELS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES AS R.A.D. EXAMINER

Whether traveling to Europe, the Middle East, or somewhere within the United States, Louise Crofton remains focused on one thing in her life, the dance.

This month she leaves for a summer tour of Greece, Israel, and Switzerland where she will be working for the Royal Academy of Dance (R.A.D.). Trained in London at the Royal Academy of Dance, Crofton serves as an examiner for the R.A.D., one of only seven R.A.D. examiners in the United States and one of only 180 examiners worldwide. As an examiner, Crofton conducts worldwide examining tours in foreign countries and the United States.

Former Shelton dean Arthur Howington was responsible for bringing Crofton to Shelton State Community College in 1989. Through his research, Howington was convinced that the R.A.D. was the best type of dance arts program to offer in the community. Today Shelton's dance department uses the Royal Academy of Dancing syllabus to instruct pre-college division students in classical ballet technique.

Shelton's dance program under Crofton's guidance has evolved through the years. Originally housed in the old Stage Center in downtown Tuscaloosa, the program has grown considerably during the years.

For Cindy Apodaca, whose daughter studies with Crofton, Shelton's dance program has affected their entire family. "The Royal Academy of Dance exam system remains with students long after they stop dancing," Apodaca says.

"Students learn to think on their feet and experience the satisfaction that comes from mastering concrete goals. The ongoing pursuit of excellence along with the discipline required in attaining it become life skills that carry over into their academic, personal and vocational areas of life."

STUDENTS HONORED AT SHELTON

Shelton sophomore Tiffany Pate from Boaz, Alabama, was named the recipient of the Leo Sumner Outstanding Sophomore Award, Shelton State's highest honor, during this year's Honors Night ceremony. This spring Pate was named to the First Team for the Alabama College System All-Alabama Academic Team for 2001. She will attend the University of Alabama next year on a University Transfer Scholarship. While at Shelton, Pate compiled a 4.0 GPA and completed her degree in finance.

Ashley Brooke Booth of Northport was named the recipient of the Thomas E. Umphrey Outstanding Freshman Award. Ashley is a graduate of Tuscaloosa County High School and has accumulated a 4.0 grade point average during her first year at Shelton State. She was also an Ambassador for the college, a cheerleader and selected to join Phi Theta Kappa this year.

The James B. Allen Award this year was given to Thomas Canterbury of Tuscaloosa. Canterbury will receive a degree in theater this month and has been involved in over 25 Theatre Tuscaloosa and college productions. He served as captain of Shelton's Scholars Bowl team and has been named to the Dean's List and President's List of the college. He leaves the college with a 3.85 grade point average and will enter the University of Alabama in the fall.

Nicholas Bradley Coleman of

Tuscaloosa was named the recipient of the Harold I. James Outstanding Technical Student Award. Coleman is a student in Shelton's Electrical technology, residential program and has been named to the Dean's List and President's List while a student at Shelton. He leaves the college with a 4.0 grade point average.

EDWARDS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PROGRAM

Carolyn Edwards, director of Shelton's child development program, along with two other representatives from Alabama, has been selected for one of 10 faculty teams that will participate in the pilot institute of the Early Childhood Higher Education Faculty Initiative in Potomac, Maryland.

Funded by the Head Start Bureau, this national initiative is designed to enhance the capacity of faculty members from two and four year colleges to assist Head Start, child care, and early childhood teachers to successfully complete associate and bachelor's degrees.

The 10 faculty teams were selected from 50 team applicants from 30 states and Puerto Rico.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Kareem McNeal Gala will be Saturday, June 9, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each. More info? Call ext. 3905.